

Milford Cultural Council:
Minutes for April 18th, 2023: MCC Monthly Meeting
Room 3 at Milford Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Martin Montoya, C.C. Chapman, Geri Eddins, Joclyn Crivello, Michael Visconti, Denise Tracy, Aboighasem Moazeni, Sandra Buckley, Khizra Syeda, Jenny Lyons

Absent: Sara Vono-Caires, Noressa Santomenna, Michelle Pici

Review and Approval of Minutes from the March 23rd Meeting

- Motioned by Martin and second by Sandee, unanimously approved

Invitation to Speak

- No guests were present to speak

Financial Report

- Balance - \$8,163.72
- Money from the state finally flowed to us, and grants were sent out.
- Motioned by Sandee and second by Denise, unanimously approved

Old Business

- 2023 Grants Status
 - Only four outstanding at this time. Paperwork for two of them shared tonight for processing. Two waiting on paperwork.
- Multicultural Performance Stage at Celebrate Milford Planning
 - Review of the schedule of performances.
 - Will need social media posts to share and publicize in the coming weeks.
 - Still looking for a group to fill a single thirty-minute spot. Hoping to find a Brazilian or Portuguese group as one backed out.
 - MCC Tent will have a variety of activities happening at it during the day.
 - Science experiments
 - Instrument petting zoo
 - Custom coloring book with crayons for kids to take.
 - Books on display to showcase the seven immigrant groups in Milford.
 - Want to be sure to have our donation can out. Will decorate at the next MCC meeting.
 - Looking for a sign language interpreter for the day. Waiting to hear back from the State on availability. Looking at alternatives.

- Public Art Status and Opportunities
 - Game Boards and Chess Tables
 - Reviewed photos of the little libraries as possible places to store table pieces. New ones would be built if we move forward with this idea.
 - Going to consider it in the future discussion.
 - The plaque for the cement chess table is completed. Will drop it off to Parks Department for it to be added.
 - Little Art Galleries
 - Discussion of this idea returned—the possibility of talking to the High School to build them.
 - B2T Tables
 - Inventory of all tables made and checked for damage. Three have touchups being performed on them.
 - A similar inventory was done on the trash barrels. Only one cracked. Two others have enough wear to be looked at more. All artists checking in to verify what repairs need to be done.
 - Gerri has the one table that was burned and will be repairing.
 - Martin has the other table that wore out and is sanding down the entire table so that it can be painted new.
 - Nicole King will be painting a new design.
 - Discussion around the possible moving of some tables.
 - Will keep an eye out on tables and barrels going forward to hopefully identify issues before they get too bad.
 - Downtown Mural
 - Email sent to the property owner's attorneys from MCC detailing concerns.
 - Zoom meeting with attorneys went well—lots of discussions around updating their outdoor motif to be less cartoonish but still family-friendly.
 - They want MCC to do a call for artists to design and paint the mural. Property owners will pay for his mural and the nearby building as well.
 - The owner is interested in having a “photo-friendly” area to attract people to take photos in front of it.
 - Motion made by Jenny and seconded by C.C., unanimous to move forward
- Community Input Survey
 - Discussion about the survey and fine tuning of it
 - Will create a QR code for the survey to use at Celebrate Milford
 - Discussion around getting a donation QR code set up on town website as well

New Business

- No new business was brought forward

Next meeting is May 16th. A representative from Open Sky Community Services will be making a presentation.